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FASHION SHOW: Cyclone Catwalk 2012 allowed students to think outside the box

Crossley students strike a pose

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PELHAM - It's not a dress that Sheleen Messina can easy wear everyday. With her make up on and her hair

done up, the next step for the E.L. Crossley student was to put on her dress, "Nature's Way" before heading down the catwalk in front of a sea of flashbulbs and onlookers. Featuring a tree bark belt, a pinecone neckline and tree branch wings, Messina needed a little help from fellow student Eden Anderson to put her creation.

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E.L. Crosslev student Angela Elgie strikes a pose while wearing a dress made of bubble wrap.

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FASHION SHOW



Allison Forrest and Marissa Peacock pose in dresses made of newspapers and magazine pages during the "Newsflash" segment of the Cyclone Catwalk fashion show Thursday

FDDIF CHAU Staff Photo

Cyclones strut their stuff on the catwalk

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"Nature is beautiful," said Messina of her dress. "There is a forest around my house and I'm always inspired by my surroundings. I wanted to show that you don't have to tear things down. There's natural beauty around us."

So as the lights dimmed and the dance music pumped from the speakers, Messina took a deep breath and walked out to strut her stuff. With the spotlight on her. Messina showcased the beauty of herself and her

The students of E.L. Crossley's fashion and creative expressions class were supermodels Thursday night as they struck their best poses to the adoration of the crowd of about 100 people at the Crossley Catwalk 2012 event. The fashion show, directed by teacher Sherry Wilkinson-Hughes, taught students to think outside the box when it comes to their fashion creations Models walked down

the catwalk wearing clothing fashioned out of various materials including car parts, hamburger wrappers, newspapers and even bubble Along with the fashior

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Sheleen Messina, F.L. Crossley student

show itself, students such as Joel Stodart and Hayley Skea "This is my first time being showcased their vocal abilian assistant director," Wood ties showcasing a variety of said. "I wanted things a cerartistic talents tain way. The most stressful

Mitch Wood served as the part has been getting timing down. We've been constantly assistant director of the show. Throughout the day Wood tweaking everything." admitted he was nervous about how the show would turn out but was glad with the

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EDDIE CHAU Staff Photo Sheleen Messina gets her wings adjusted by Eden Anderson before heading out on the catwalk for E.L. Crossley's Cyclone Catwalk fashion show Thursday.

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■ TRADES: Teens showcase knowledge

The skill of it all

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WELLAND - Challenge students to greatness and they will act

District School Board of Niagara held its automotive. television and video, and small engine repair skills competitions Thursday at Seaway Mall

The event is part a monthlong competition that boasts 25 categories that also include plumbing and hair

design. "It's a big deal for students, it's a real feather in

their cap (as medalists) to represent their schools," said district skills challenge coordinator Mike Dovle "It's a testament to their

commitment for employers and gives them nost-second ary opportunities," he said.

nator of the television and video challenge said it's a great way to teach students time management. "It's a big change for them to shoot something in the

in all three categories were

picked Thursday afternoon,

but their medal position will

be announced April 4 at an

awards banquet. Students

who are chosen will proceed

to the provincial skills com-

netition in Waterloo later

The television and film

competition returned to the

mall after a four-year hiatus.

Competitors had only six

hours to create shot lists

and storyboards, film, edit

and produce a two-minute

promotional video about the

skills competition and par-

Chris Putnam, co-ordi-

ticipate in a job interview.

this year.

The top three competitors real world, and say they get into broadcasting - they get a taste of what it's like having

a time constraint," he said. Zack Smith, 16, from Eastdale Secondary School. competed in the automotive challenge to help him figure out if he really wants to be a

mechanic. "I've been seriously looking into it for two years. I just want to spend this year learning and it's been worth

it," he said. Students in the automotive challenge had to work

with brake lines, brakes, engines, vehicle computer controls and vehicle electric components, and take a written test then be subjected to a job interview with Job Gym

Eric Rioux, co-ordinator of the automotive challenge. said he loves the friendly

competition because students get to meet others in the district with similar interests they wouldn't have otherwise got to know.

"It also gives them exposure. We have teachers. apprentices, mechanics and they get peer help. They can decide where they want to go with this because there is a need, that's for sure," he said of skilled trades.

Small engine competitors had to work with two- and four-stroke engines. This is the first year two-stroke engines have been part of the competition.

Students were asked to take apart the engines, measure some internal parts and put them back together. They also had to complete a written test and job interview. Gerald Etten, co-ordinator of the small engine competition, said the event gives stu-Sarah Dilts, 16, from Port dents skills they can apply in Colborne High School, the the real world.

only girl in the small engine "This gives them handscompetition, said she can't on skills. Most people have lawn mowers and other

imagine doing anything else. "I don't like being in a classroom. I like to move around the shop and use my hands and it's nice to show up the boys once in a while," she said



Sarah Dittz, a Grade 11 student at Port Colborne High School. rebuilds a four-stroke engine Thursday during District School Board of Niagara's skills challenge.

■ REGION OF NIAGARA: Burroughs to speak to business community in Thorold

Chair to give State of Region address

FDDIF CHAIL PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM - Regional Chair Gary Burroughs will likely have a lot on his mind when he gives his State of the Region address in two weeks. Burroughs will be giving his annual address to the business community at John-Michael's Banquet an Conference Centre on Feb. 29. The former Niagara-onthe-Lake mayor and regional councillor will discuss the achievements and plans for the future of the region.

Pelham mayor Dave Augustyn said Burroughs won't likely focus too much

the plans for individual municipalities such as Pelham, but the region has belned in projects that benefit the town.

For

instance the region's construction work on Hwy. 20 in Fonthill is winding down. "We're in our last stages

of construction." Augustyn said. "Water and wastewater treatment work in Welland will also benefit Pelham too. It helps prepare for growth in

Augustyn suspects Burroughs will touch base on a number of subjects including moving water and wastewater to one service utility, the 1812 bicentennial celebrations and the change in governance at municipal

The State of the Region address will take place between 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. It is presented by PenFinancial Credit Union and the region's respective chambers of commerce.

John-Michael's is located at 1368 Uppers Rd. For more information on the event call 905-684-2361.

III PELHAM ART FESTIVAL

Event set for Mother's Day weekend

small engines they may need

to fix and once you figure out

one engine you can apply

that knowledge to bigger

engines," he said.

VICTORIA GRAY PelhamNEWS Staff PELHAM - Spring's

coming early this year and if you find your home in need of a splash of colour to match the season the Pelham Art Festival might be just the ticket.

"I just love art," Jane Young, the advertising coordinator for festival said. "I love to go and see what everybody's doing just because I love art, and to take my mother or my daughter." The Pelham Art Festival on Mother's Day weekend - May 11 to 13 at

the Pelham Arena features

more than 65 Canadian art-

ists who craft a variety of pieces in a wide price range. so there is something for everybody's budget. "I've been very impressed

by the quality it is juried work," she said. The works in the arena have been inspected by the organizers of the festival and recognized artists to ensure

the quality of work. All of the funds raised from the festival go toward the Pelham Library and Fonthill Library to help the library and help fund arts

Also to thank and encourage their continued support for the arts in Pelham and

programs.

the greater community "This year we wanted to stress involvement of the library," Young said. "But as always it's a great place to take your mother on her

special day." The festival opens every vear with a social evening with dinner, a wine tasting, and first dibs on the new un and coming artists who have

not been announced. There are also door prizes. valued at more than \$400 donated by artists like, Joe Speck, who donated a blown glass plate.

Artists and buyers come from all over Ontario to participate in the annual show.

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perspective

Drummond needed by Grits to state obvious

A fresh set of eyes can be a gr to noodle a tough problem. fresh set of eyes can be a great way That's about the best spin that can be put on the Ontario Liberal government's decision to pay former bank economist Don Drummond \$150,000 to come up with

ideas to whip the deficit-plagued province's books into shape More realistically, the Liberals needed an outside fall guy to recommend shock treatment, so that voters will swallow any

less-bitter medicine the Gnts dish out. Either way, Drummond's jaw-dropping report tabled last week, packed with 362 measures to slay Ontario's \$16 billion budget deficit over six years, shows just how badly the government has abdicated

its responsibility to taxpayers to mind the Did we really need someone to tell us

that having scrapped Grade 13 a generation ago, teenagers shouldn't be lollygagging through a costly fifth-year "victory lap in high school? Who knew it makes no financial sense to have highly paid doctors and police officers doing grunt work that lesser-paid workers - nurses, even private security guards - can easily do?

Oh, and couldn't the government have figured out that its election vow to give many college and university students a 30% tuition cut, worth nearly \$500 million a year, wouldn't add up when it can't even afford the \$1.5 billion it's spending on a new full-day kindergarten system

Dalton McGuinty's Liberals didn't cause the recession that pulled their books under water, but they weighted the plunge by piling on more than \$40 billion in new spending over the last five years.

Like the Liberals, other governments have faced the deficit wall. Unlike the Liberals, they acted swiftly -

the New Democrats in the early 1990s, with their wage rollbacks for one million public servants; The Conservatives in the mid-1990s, with their concussion bombing of public spending that spared few. No one's saving those approaches are

the best ones for Ontario today, but neither of those governments needed a scapegoat to tell them how to do what voters elected them to do

comment

A look at the Old Age Security System

n talking with many of the seniors living in Niagara West-Glanbrook, many have been asking one question recently - with the possibility of changes to the Old Age Security, will my cheque stay the same? In addition, many Canadians who are close to retirement have also been asking whether Old Age Security will be there for them when they reach 65.

The answer to both questions is a resounding yes. Contrary to the fear mongering by the opposition parties, our Government is committed to protecting the retirement income for today's seniors, and for all future generations of retirees. Canadians receive retirement



income from a variety of sources. including the Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security. The Canada Pension Plan is funded by premiums from our paycheques and it is on a safe, secure, and sustainable path. Old Age Security on the other hand, is funded from general government revenues, and is not sustainable in its current form without raising personal taxes, and no one wants this to happen Here are a few facts given the

changing demographics in Canada: Currently there are 4.7 million Canadians over the age of 65 and by 2030 there will be 9.3 million. This means that Canada will have twice as many retirees supported by half

as many working Canadians. In 1975 there were seven working taxpayers for every senior. Today. there are only four working-age Canadians for each senior. By 2030, the total number of seniors will nearly double, leaving only two working-age Canadians for each

Consequently, the cost of the Old Age Security program will increase from \$36 billion per year in 2010 to \$106 billion per year in 2030.

If changes are not made, it will become unsustainable in the long-

term. As hard as these decisions are, failure to make them now will put the program in jeopardy for

future generations. I can guarantee you that any changes to Old Age Security will not affect anyone currently receiving benefits, nor will they affect any individual now nearing retirement. Other Canadians, who are not near retirement, will receive substantial notice of changes to Old Age Security, to ensure they have ample time to plan for their future should

changes to the program be made. Our Government will take the needed action to ensure financial stability for future generations of seniors and give them confidence that Old Age Security will be sustainable and available to them in their retirement. We will implement any changes fairly. allowing lots of notice and time to

Our aging population clearly demonstrates the need to make these decisions to ensure that social programs remain sustainable for the long-term. We will always take a fair, balanced and responsible approach to make sure that Canada's OAS program remains sustainable so that all Canadians will have retirement benefits, now and in the future.

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Nikita Kruschev misread the young John Kennedy as inexperienced and weak in his role as president and decided to place missiles on the island of Cuba. This led to what became known as the Cuban Missile Crisis. The U.S. retaliated with an arms embargo and blockade of this island nation.

Fortunately, this face to face showdown ended when the Soviets blinked and removed the missiles. - Greg Van Moorsel Little did our prime minister, John



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Terry Hughes

Diefenbaker, know that although he did not support Kennedy's actions, the minister of defence placed our military on red alert. Our image of John Kennedy

indicates the interest and enthusiasm people felt in many countries around the world enhanced by the media for him. He challenged the Bussians to a race to the moon and test ban treaties using the news media for these important announcements.

The sudden death of Marilyn Monroe was handled by the media in such a way as to not link the White House with this incident, showing

the respect the media had for his

Interesting incidents in space and music occurred in 1962. Telstar, a communication satellite, permitted worldwide communication for the first time while Canada became the third nation to have a satellite launched into space called Alouette

1. The Soviet Union continued to send cosmonauts into space, the United States finally placed an astronaut, John Glenn, into three orbits of Earth. The New Jersey group called the Four Seasons continued to chart hits such as Sherry and Big Girls Don't Cry while an wunknown British rock band from Liverpool called The Beatles recorded their first hit song Love Me Do. Elvis charted only one top seller. Good Luck Charm, while Ricky Nelson was

nipping at his heels with minor hits

such as Teen Age Idol and It's Up to

In Canada, the economic downturn and defence issues continued to plague Diefenbaker. Our devalued dollar became known as the "Diefendollar" and he was not comfortable with atomic warheads on the Bomarc Missiles slated to be based here. Liberal Leader Lester Pearson had indicated a complete turnaround from his predecessor Louis St. Laurent in military matters. He favoured not replacing our subsonic fighters for NORAD missions and let the Americans take over that role

Both would campaign to improve the Job situation for Canadians for

the coming election. Ontario would begin to feel the effects of the Robarts plan in

education. see HUGHES | page 9





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MUSIC: Conductor Bradley Thachuk sees plenty of untapped potential

Symphony hopes to strike chord with new audiences

MARYANNE FIRTH PelhamNFWS Staff

WELLAND - Bradley Thachuk wants the region to embrace Niagara Symphony. The orchestra's music director and principal conductor has big plans for the group, which he shared with Rotary Club of Welland on

Tuesday. Thachuk, who officially took the helm last August, said he's never come across

an orchestra with "so much untapped potential." Over the past few years. the orchestra was "largely neglected," though he believes not intentionally,

and its full potential never explored. While it is a regional orchestra, Niagara Symphony's perfor-

mances take place mainly in St. Catharines - a trend Thachuk would like to change. He wants to see

the group expand to reach different areas and demographics across the region. Orchestras often talk about finding new generations of audiences, but Thachuk believes there's still an large untapped market in Niagara's existing

Only about 15% of the general public likes classical music, he said, and the symphony plans to branch out to reach that other 85%. You can always find ways

population.

to bring orchestra to the masses," said Thachuk, who has conducted on tour with Australian rock group Air Supply and often tours with Dancing with the Stars for live shows.

To draw in a new audience, Niagara Symphony has most recently worked with musician Rik Emmett, of Canadian rock band Triumph, as well as with Bon Jovi and Bruce Springsteen

tribute bands. To bring classical music to the attention of youths, the group plans to soon create a family concert series that will include music from the Magical World of Disney and feature large screens that

showcase various Disney "We want kids to have fun at the orchestra," said Thachuk, confident a positive experience will have children returning time and time again.





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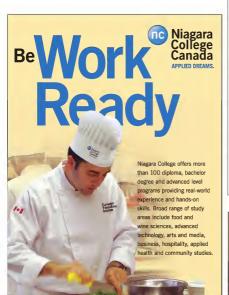
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HUGHES

Buds were the champs half a century ago

New math and science curriculum anneared and reorganizing the secondary level for changing academic standards were initiated These were intended to direct students into areas that best suited their post-academic job

onnortunities. Locally, in response to the new guidelines from the Ministry of Education, the Welland Teachers Association met at Afton School to discuss this initiative in teaching the new math to Welland

elementary students. Our food dollars were being spent at Loblaws, Dominion. A&P and the Red and White supermarkets and local car dealers were promoting the new compact cars that included the Corvair Valiant, Falcon. Lark and the German entries

the VW Reetle and Vauxhall Entertainment was still being impacted by television to the detriment of the movie industry. One exception would be Breakfast at Tiffany's starring Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard

TV shows continued to be dominated by westerns such as Wagon Train and Bonanza. Audiences also thrilled to stories on Alfred Hitchcock

Presents In sports, Jackie Robinson would be elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame on his first attempt while New York Yankees with Mickey Mantle as the league's MVP would win the World Series

In the National Hockey League, the Toronto Maple Leafs under the dynamic coaching of George (Punch) Imlach would win the Stanley Cup. A mix of players from the youthful Frank Mahovlich, the experience of Tim Horton and old pros like Johnny Bower and Red Kelly would lead to further "Cup" successes.

■ DRUMMOND REPORT

Casino closure, bigger classrooms, user fees all recommended

DON FRASER, SHAWN JEFFORDS and GRANT LAFLECHE

OMI Agency Niagara ST. CATHARINES - It's a report that could profoundly affect the everyday lives of

Niagara residents. From bigger classroom sizes to jacked-up user fees and one less Niagara casino, the Drummond report on fixing Ontario's economy leaves no stone unturned in its recom-

mendations to rescue provincial finances. Among the hardest hit - if the province decides to implement most or all of it - will be health care and education.

Economist Don Drummond's voluminous report, released Wednesday. contains 27 recommendations for changes to elementary and secondary education and 30

recommendations for postsecondary education.

For elementary and secondary schools, his no-holdsbarred approach calls for extensive cuts to funding, new user fees and holding the line

on spending. The report recommends scrapping or delaying further implementation of full-day kindergarten, laving off 9,700 non-teaching staff in schools and charging families some busing fees and for additional credits beyond the 32 required

to graduate high school. It is worrisome," said Niagara Catholic District School Board education director John Crocco of the prospect of job cuts.

"We really have to continue to focus on the fact that these are recommendations and the government will have to look at how they will impact the

direction they have set for the province. Drummond also calls for an increase in class size to 23 cm.

dents in primary classrooms from the current 20. High school classes would jump to 26 from 24.5 students. Drummond wants the prov-

ince to encourage colleges and universities to cut overlapping programs and specialize their mandates. He calls on the government to scrap its recently announced 30% tuition reduction in favour of a realigned student aid system that targets students in greater need. Health-care in Niagara could also be set for a shakeup

to create increased efficiencies Report. and lower costs. Kevin Smith. the provincially appointed Niagara Health System supervisor, wondered about the cash needed to pay for the up-front expenses from enacting some in his report.

of the recommendations Smith also noted Drummond's report is calling for a fundamental shift in how health care is provided. with an eye to lowering its significant human resources

Niagara Falls may also have to gird for one less casino in the drive for a leaner

"(Ontario Lottery and Gaming) operates two casinos in the Niagara area; it should close one," says the executive summary of the report by the Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services - the so-called Drummond

The cuts made by former premier Mike Harn's will look like a blip in time compared to the long-term pain the province is in for Drummond says





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Adventure includes search for board members

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WELLAND - It was an adventurous trip through the Amazon at Welland Historical Museum.

It was there that the museum board heard about the adventures of Pelham writer and historian Adam Shoalts, who detailed his explorations of the Amazon Jungle on one side of the world to the shores of Hudson Bay in northern Ontario.

"He took us on quite an adventure," said museum executive director Nora Reid. "He explored a river that is known along the Hudson Bay but it's not heavily explored. We saw his adventures through his pictures. People

Shoalts, a contributor to Canadian Geographic magazine and the author of Sense of Adventure, was guest speaker at the museum's annual general meeting Wednesday night.

really enjoyed it."

Along with Shoalts' pre- 732-2215 or e-mail wellan-

cussed its search to fill a net couple of vacancies after two

board members resigned Reid said anyone with an interest in the preservation of history for Welland and Pelham are welcome to join the board. The museum is also looking for mem-

bers for its new Friends of the Museum group, the organization's fundraising committee Applicants can contact the museum by phone at 905-

sentation, the board dis- dhistoricalmuseum@cogeco.

JOE CSEH Tribune Photo Explorer, writer and historian Adam Shoalts, right, of

Fenwick discusses his adventures on Hudson Bay and the Amazon with John Mastrojanni, Welland Historical Museum board chair, and Nora Reid, museum executive director, before his presentation to a full house at the museum.







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